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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES JUNE 23, 2010
ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION TO EXPLORE BROADBAND PILOT PROGRAMS FOR LOW-
INCOME CONSUMERS**

WC Docket No. 03-109

On June 23, 2010, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (eastern daylight time), the Wireline Competition Bureau will host a roundtable discussion in the Commission Meeting Room to enable interested parties to discuss the design of pilot programs that would provide subsidies for broadband access to low-income consumers.¹

The National Broadband Plan recommended that the Commission facilitate pilot programs for low-income consumers that will “produce actionable information to implement the most efficient and effective long-term broadband support mechanism.”² The June 23, 2010 roundtable will initiate a discussion among interested parties about how to design broadband pilot programs for low-income consumers.

The Bureau encourages participation from a wide variety of interested parties, including representatives from, but not limited to, academia, social service agencies, consumer advocate organizations, state governmental entities, tribal governments and/or organizations, and industry.

The format of the roundtable will be a facilitated discussion led by Commission staff. During the roundtable, staff will solicit input from attendees on issues relating to pilot design, such as:

- Pilot program goals and potential obstacles to achieving those goals
- Criteria for, and selection of, carriers to participate in pilot programs
- Criteria for, and selection of, consumers to participate in pilot programs
- Scope and duration of pilot programs
- Metrics to measure accomplishment of goals

For planning purposes, the Commission would like to know whether you intend to participate in the roundtable. Further logistical details on how to participate remotely will be provided as the date

¹ See Connecting America: The National Broadband Plan at 172-173 (rel. Mar. 16, 2010) (National Broadband Plan).

² *Id.* at 172.

approaches. If you are interested in participating, therefore, please contact Rebekah Bina or Elise Kohn, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-7400 (voice), or (202) 418-0484 (tty).

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a description of the accommodation you will need and a way we can contact you if more information is needed. Last-minute requests will be accepted, but may not be possible to fill. Send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), or (202) 418-0432 (tty).

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